

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 34, 43, 47, and 56 are amended and new claims 60 and 61 are presented. No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the new and amended claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 35, 44, 48, and 57 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 34, 36-43, 45-47, 49-56, and 58-61 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In item 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 35, 37, 44, 48, 50 and 57 recite allowable subject matter. (Action at page 7, lines 4-6).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner objects to claims 35, 37, 44, 48, 50 and 57 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 34 is amended herein to include all the limitations of claim 35, and serves as a rewriting of features of claim 35, cancelled herein, in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 34 and dependent claims 36-42 should be found allowable.

Claim 43 is amended herein to include all the limitations of claim 44, and serves a rewriting of features of claim 44, cancelled herein, in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 43 and dependent claims 45-46 should be found allowable.

Claim 47 is amended herein to include all the limitations of claim 48, and is an effective rewriting of features claim 48, cancelled herein, in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 47 and dependent claims 49-55 should be found allowable.

Claim 56 is amended to include all the limitations of claim 57, and is an effective rewriting of features claim 57, cancelled herein, in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 56 and dependent claims 58-59 should be found allowable.

New claim 60 is a rewriting of claim 37 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 60 should be found allowable.

New claim 61 is a rewriting of claim 50 in independent form. Accordingly, independent claim 60 should be found allowable.

Entry Of Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Applicants request entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because it is believed that the amendment of claims puts this application into condition for allowance, and the new claims should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures sets forth in §714.12 that "[a]ny amendment that would place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal may be entered." Moreover, §714.13 sets forth that "[t]he Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified." The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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